

Buffalo, July 13, 1864.

My dear Gray:

You have given me sincere pleasure. I am glad that one more new thing under the sun, known humble, has been picked up. I am delighted, not so much at the prospect of my being recognized as a member of the botanical fraternity, as by such a mark of your kindness and regard. Please God! we will live and enjoy many of the good things together as well as that poor little Scirpus.

I am considerably bothered by the smaller Panicums. I was at ^{with Dr. Barth,} Rochester yesterday. I walked out 5 miles after a *Sereno* which turns out to be pusillum. Others we want 3 miles, or another

direction, to the head of Guadalupe
Bay. At the head edge of the Marsh
is a small, nearly circular knob,
60-80 feet high - on the side of which
are 3 ~~from~~ *Quercus*. one, probably, the
depauperation - & the others, perhaps,
more forms of dichot^m but they are
extremely different in habit, & I could
not find, when never, to my recollection,
saw anything intermediate.
One is extremely hairy, & Dr. Benth (I
think mistakenly) takes it for the
ridiculous - & the other is very smooth.
The leaves thin, shining, & incline to
revolute. There is, though I think
I did not find it there, though I did
thuscabants, still another more delicate
fellow, approaching the last. I must,
I think, put them up & send them
to you in a day or two.

Two or three days ago, I sent
mailed to W. Bebb, 2 spec^{ies} of our
common *Quercus*, for his opinion - which

especially delights in *Quercus*. I
hope the rebels have not got them.
Especially do I hope they won't
catch from Bebb. I try not to
think of them - but the events of this
time do trouble, sadden, & sometimes
almost madden (i.e. make mad,
angry, almost furious) me.
Yours ever

J. W. Chapman.

(I believe I have neglected to write to you that Dr
Benth found *Quercus* *truncata* in flower sometimes ago,
and in learning the fact - I wrote asking spec^{ies} 1st for
State Herb^{um} 2^d for Prof. Gray - 3^d for self - & he sent
me a small packet which I have not yet
opened - I also wrote for the seeds of *Q. laevis* - or
Prof. A. S. Gray. could secure them - but
believe he failed. Do
you wish the spec^{ies}?